

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

TRIBUTE TO HANK KETCHAM

HON. SAM FARR

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 15, 1996

Mr. FARR of California. Mr. Speaker, it is my great honor to rise in recognition of a man who has brought both smiles and laughter to countless Americans. Henry (Hank) Ketcham, who created the famed "Dennis the Menace" cartoon strip, is being honored Friday with a Lifetime Achievement Award at the Carmel Arts Festival.

A resident of my congressional district, Mr. Ketcham has led a distinguished, artistic life that we all can celebrate. Born in Seattle in 1920, he first became interested in drawing at the age of 7 when a local art director and family friend drew cartoon sketches to make him laugh. With considerable talent, he parlayed this love of cartooning into a number of impressive positions throughout his career.

After entering the University of Washington as an art major in 1937, Mr. Ketcham moved to Hollywood 1 year later where he worked at the Walter Lantz animation studio, home of the "Woody the Woodpecker" cartoon series. Soon after, Mr. Ketcham was lured by the Walt Disney studios, where he worked on "Pinocchio," "Fantasia" and many other famous Disney productions until the outbreak of World War II.

Desiring to serve his country, Mr. Ketcham enlisted in the U.S. Navy and, as a chief photographer specialist, developed a variety of cartoons, magazines, posters, and animated film spots to encourage his fellow Americans to purchase war bonds. To help supplement his military pay, Mr. Ketcham also started cartooning for magazines, including the Saturday Evening Post, which bought a weekly panel.

After the war, Mr. Ketcham fully launched himself into the highly competitive world of freelance cartooning. Because of his immense talent, he quickly became one of this country's most successful artists, selling his work regularly to Collier's, the Saturday Evening Post, Ladies' Home Journal, Liberty, the New Yorker, as well as to advertising agencies. By this time, Mr. Ketcham was also married and the father of a son named, you guessed it, Dennis, whom my sister Francesca, frequently babysat.

In October 1950, the "Dennis the Menace" cartoon strip was created and, less than a year later, it was syndicated to 18 newspapers. Mr. Ketcham received the prestigious Billy deBeck Trophy as the outstanding cartoonist of 1952. Within the past 10 years, "Dennis the Menace" has been read in more than 1,000 different newspapers in 48 countries and has been translated into 19 different languages.

In the following years, Mr. Ketcham expanded his lovable character's popularity through a variety of other media, including books and television. The hit TV show that

was produced from 1959 to 1963 is still widely seen around the country and was updated into a popular animation series by the CBS television network. A 2-hour prime-time live action "Dennis the Menace" broadcast was aired in September 1987 and in 114 television markets the following month.

Over the past 46 years, Mr. Ketcham has sold more than 50 million "Dennis the Menace" books, including a four-part anthology, a series of comic books from Marvel Comics and a favorite of Ketcham's, "Dennis and the Bible Kids."

Throughout the years, Dennis' civic-mindedness has also made him a popular spokesman for a number of worthy causes, including the Boy Scouts of America, UNICEF, and the International Red Cross. He has had a starring role in two important public service messages through comic books entitled "Dennis Takes a Poke at Poison" and "Coping with Family Stress."

To this day, "Dennis the Menace" continues to bring joy to children and adults alike. The comic strip is widely read throughout the world and, in fact, is delivered to my doorstep every day I am in Washington in the Washington Post. Though 46 this year, Dennis remains as youthful and entertaining as ever. Of course, this is a tribute to Hank Ketcham and his considerable talent. It is my great honor to salute him as he receives this well-deserved Lifetime Achievement Award.

TEMPLE EMANUEL OF GREAT NECK IS REDEDICATED

HON. GARY L. ACKERMAN

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 15, 1996

Mr. ACKERMAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to commemorate the rededication of Temple Emanuel of Great Neck, which occurred on May 5, 1996. This day, hereby known as Emanuel day, culminates a 10 year effort that has served to beautify the synagogue, and enhance it as an ongoing source of inspiration to its congregants and the Great Neck community. Conceived by Rabbi Robert Widom, spiritual leader or Temple Emanuel, the project evolved into the design of six stained glass windows for the synagogue's sanctuary, a new ark and eternal light. The initial project, under the direction of Rabbi Widom, undertook a search that would last for 10 years until the appropriate artist was selected and the creative plans were developed.

Through the combined efforts of the congregation's leadership team of president Lloyd Goldfarb, chair of the refurbishing committee, Paula Held Scharf, brotherhood president, John Holzer and sisterhood president, Carol Cohen, an extensive search was launched that yielded Paul Winthrop Wood, a Canadian born artist. Mr. Wood comes from a family of renowned architects and builders and brought to Temple Emanuel an innate understanding

of the Old Testament and the many creative and imaginative themes that flow from it. It was his early upbringing by his mother that endowed him with a rich blend of talent and insight that would be brought to fruition by the many religious building challenges he undertook.

In rising to the challenge of bringing to the synagogue a sense of love, understanding and compassion, Mr. Wood succeeded grandly. It is with great pride and love that the trustees of Temple Emanuel of Great Neck declared Sunday, May 5, as Emanuel day. As the hundreds of congregants of Temple Emanuel gathered on that day, it was most exciting and reaffirming that in the truest tradition of the American spirit, this beautiful congregation continues to so willingly give of itself, to its members and the community.

TRIBUTE TO SARA J. WHITE

HON. ANNA G. ESHOO

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 15, 1996

Ms. ESHOO. Mr. Speaker, it is with great pleasure that I call to the attention of my colleagues the installation early next month of Sara J. White, M.S., as president of the American Society of Health-System Pharmacists [ASHP] at the society's 53d annual meeting in San Diego.

ASHP is the 30,000-member national professional association representing pharmacists who practice in hospitals, health maintenance organizations, long-term care facilities, home-care agencies, and other components of health care systems. The society has extensive publishing and educational programs designed to help members improve their delivery of pharmaceutical care, and it is a national accrediting organization for pharmacy residency and pharmacy technician training programs.

Since October 1992, Professor White has been director of pharmacy at Stanford University Hospital, a 500-bed academic health science center, which I am privileged to represent. She now holds this position with Stanford Health Services, a health care system formed last September. The Stanford Health Services Pharmacy has five inpatient satellites, three outpatient pharmacies, an operating room satellite, and a home pharmacy service. As director of pharmacy, she directs all financial, operational, and human resource components of a service with 100 full-time personnel serving the health care needs of more than 2 million people. She is also clinical professor of pharmacy at the University of California-San Francisco School of Pharmacy. Prior to her current position, Professor White was associate director of pharmacy at the University of Kansas Medical Center from 1975 to 1992.

A prolific author on topics of pharmaceutical management and human and financial resource management, Professor White's research has appeared in more than 100 pharmacy, nursing, and medical journal articles

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and textbook chapters. She has been an active leader and office holder in several State and national pharmacy organizations and participates in her community through the RotaCare Free Clinic. Professor White received the degree of bachelor of science in pharmacy from Oregon State University. Both her master of science and residency in Hospital Pharmacy came from Ohio State University.

Mr. Speaker, Professor White has served her profession with distinction. I extend my best wishes to her as she takes over the leadership of the ASHP.

IN MEMORY OF THE SILENT SERVICE

HON. CARLOS J. MOORHEAD

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 15, 1996

Mr. MOORHEAD. Mr. Speaker, as Memorial Day approaches, I rise to pay tribute to the men of the silent service and their organization, the U.S. Submarine Veterans, Inc.

The goal of this organization is "to perpetuate the memory of our shipmates who gave their lives in the performance of their duties while serving their country."

These submariners, in the true tradition and fighting spirit of the U.S. Navy, have lived in silence, fought in silence, and died in silence in the cold depths. Through their dedication, deeds, and supreme sacrifice, they have left behind a legacy of the highest standards of performance and conduct. Their actions will always inspire emulation and praise.

The U.S. Submarine Veterans, which ensures the honorable tradition of the submariners in our society, is represented in southern California by Mark James Denger, a submarine veteran, reservist, and active supporter and participant in a number of significant, patriotic military organizations.

Mr. Speaker, I am pleased to pay tribute to Mr. Denger and the U.S. Submarine Veterans, Inc. They do honor to themselves, our Nation and the memory of Memorial Day.

ENHANCING OUR MILITARY

HON. RON PACKARD

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 15, 1996

Mr. PACKARD. Mr. Speaker, under President Clinton's latest budget proposal, defense spending would remain on a dangerously steep decline. H.R. 3230 moves to counter the effects of the Clinton administration's cuts in defense spending within the framework of a balanced budget.

After a 10-year decline in military spending, this measure revitalizes our Nation's defense, bolstering our national security interest at home and abroad and turning back the hollow military policies of the Clinton administration. A strong, prepared military is vital for the security of this country. In this era of fiscal restraint, it is equally important to get the biggest bang for the buck—but not at the expense of readiness, modernization, or quality of life for our service personnel and their families.

The fiscal year 1997 defense authorization provides a much needed reprieve for the U.S. military from President Clinton's ill conceived budget cuts. My Republican colleagues and I remain committed to ensuring that our armed services are equipped with decent living quarters and the best, most cost efficient equipment, so that when they are called upon to defend their country, they have what they need to get the job done.

AN ARTISTIC DISCOVERY

HON. DAN FRISA

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 15, 1996

Mr. FRISA. Mr. Speaker, I would like to recognize five very talented high school students. These students participated in my first annual congressional arts competition, "An Artistic Discovery."

Nur-e-alam Chisty of Herricks High School, Suneet Sethi of East Meadow High School and Melissa Guimaraes of Sacred Heart Academy, submitted exceptional works of art that were chosen as first, second, and third place winners.

Although everyone who participated in the competition displayed artistic talent, two students deserve special recognition. These students are Kenneth Grossman of Lawrence High School and Clarie Thomas of East Meadow High School.

I would like to congratulate these students and wish them the very best in their future endeavors.

SAILING CENTER NAMED FOR YOCUM FAMILY

HON. MICHAEL P. FORBES

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 15, 1996

Mr. FORBES. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor and celebrate one of our country's most valuable educational institutions, the U.S. Merchant Marine Academy, also known as Kings Point. Few realize that this Nation came very close to losing this vital service academy that has served this Nation in times of war and peace. Under the masterful stewardship of Adm. Thomas Matteson, Kings Point is becoming the premier maritime education institution in the world. I fought hard throughout the appropriations process to ensure that the Merchant Marine Academy received its full funding of \$30.9 million for 1996 and I am prepared to take up that fight again.

For too long the extraordinary contributions of the U.S. Merchant Marine Academy have been overlooked. The Academy has always been connected to national defense as well as maritime commerce in peace and war. Today, the Academy still promotes a "can do" approach to tasks that is reminiscent of the war days, when cadets and ships were ordered to deliver, no matter how dangerous the conditions.

Thanks to the continued support and dedication of the faculty, graduates, alumni, and midshipmen, the tradition of Kings Point continues. On May 3, 1996, Kings Point christened a new legacy—the Yocum Sailing Center.

The Yocum Sailing Center is the centerpiece of what will ultimately be a fully endowed midshipmen sailing and waterfront professional development program. The building, located at the water's edge with a spectacular view of the Long Island Sound and the Manhattan skyline, was named in recognition of the unprecedented support and service of James H. Yocum, a resident of Reading, PA.

Mr. Yocum graduated from the Academy in 1947. As a cadet midshipman, he sailed with Alcoa Steamship Co., American Export Lines, and Grace Line. After graduation, he sailed as a deck officer with Moor-McCormack Lines and Grace Line. A veteran of the Korean War, Mr. Yocum served active duty in the U.S. Navy from 1952–54 in both Korea and Japan. Having become involved with the Merchant Marine Alumni Association in 1955, Mr. Yocum holds the record for the longest continuous service to this association. He has been awarded the alumni association's Outstanding Professional Achievement Award, the Meritorious Alumni Service Award and, in 1992, was chosen the "Kings Pointer of the Year."

Thanks to Mr. Yocum's enthusiasm and philanthropy to Kings Point, the Yocum Sailing Center was completed and opened in 1994. It houses the classrooms for seamanship instruction, a large boat bay for year round maintenance and repair of sail and power boats, a crew rowing tank, offices for the sailing master, the master of the T/V Kings Pointer and midshipmen staff of the Department of Waterfront Activities. The Yocum Sailing Center is dedicated to the beloved memory of Mr. Yocum's grandparents, William H. Yocum and Emma Kate "Bright" Yocum, his parents, George Lehman Yocum and Helen Yocum and, his two brothers, William Yocum II and George L. Yocum, Jr. At both the north and south entrances to the building there is a beautiful plaque that eloquently pays tribute to the Yocum Family—"So they gave their abundance to education and for that, each received recognition, reward and remembrance that will never die."

I would like to offer my congratulations to Kings Point on its newest acquisition and to Mr. Yocum for his generosity and dedication to the U.S. Merchant Marine Academy. May God bless all who pass through her portals.

HONORING ROSALIND AND JOSEPH GURWIN

HON. GARY L. ACKERMAN

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 15, 1996

Mr. ACKERMAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to join with my colleagues and the members of the New York Metropolitan Region Chapter of the American Society for Technion, the Israel Institute of Technology, as they gather on Wednesday, May 15, 1996, to pay tribute to Rosalind and Joseph Gurwin.

The Gurwins have devoted a good part of their lives to the welfare of the Jewish people and the State of Israel. Recognizing the importance of technological development in Israel's future, Ros and Joe have been long time supporters of Technion, Israel's only comprehensive scientific university and center for applied research. In this vein, they have provided

funding for Technion's Gurwin-I Tech-Sat satellite, a project stimulating telecommunications, meteorology and x-ray telescope technology, as well as serving as a key link in an Israeli-based computer network.

However, Mr. Speaker, Ros and Joe's philanthropic efforts extend far beyond Technion to encompass the entire New York metropolitan community. The Long Island Jewish Medical Center and UJA-Federation have benefitted greatly due to their continuing support. Furthermore, Ros and Joe's commitment to the elderly has led to the construction of the Gurwin Jewish Geriatric Center in Commack, Long Island.

Mr. Speaker, the Gurwins have come to symbolize the American spirit of volunteerism and generosity. I ask all my colleagues to rise with the grateful people of the Fifth Congressional District in extending to Rosalind and Joseph Gurwin the highest accolades of appreciation and admiration.

IN MEMORY OF LIEUTENANT
COLONEL OLIVER

HON. PATRICK J. KENNEDY

OF RHODE ISLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 15, 1996

Mr. KENNEDY of Rhode Island. Mr. Speaker, I am asking my colleagues today to pause and honor the dedicated service given by the men and women in the Armed Forces. We all know that this is a dangerous and demanding task. In times of peace it is often easy, too easy, to lose sight of these facts.

For my constituents the cold reality of these truths was recently brought home when Lt. Col. Allen Oliver, a native of Bristol, RI, was killed in a helicopter crash in Columbus, GA on March 1, 1996.

Colonel Oliver was a second generation Marine. He learned the call of duty and honor of service from his father, Edward Oliver, a distinguished veteran of World War II. Lieutenant Colonel Oliver was an intelligent, hard working, man who could have pursued any career path he wanted. He chose to serve his nation.

Allen Oliver grew up in Bristol, RI, a small town where everyone is a neighbor. Allen was respected and liked by all who knew him. Whether it was helping to shovel the sidewalk of a friend in need, serving as an alter boy, or delivering papers, Allen Oliver was there. The outlines of his adult career were taking shape in those early activities.

As he grew older, Allen knew the path he wanted to take and sought admission to the service academies. While he did not get in, he continued to pursue a career in the military by enrolling in the ROTC at the University of Salt Lake, UT. He graduated with a 4.0 average and joined the Marines as a second lieutenant. The next stop for Allen was the Marine Corps flight school in Pensacola, FL from which he graduated in 1977 as a first lieutenant.

Service in the corps took Allen Oliver all over the Nation where he touched many lives. After the tragic news of Colonel Oliver's death was made public, his father was warned by the outpouring of calls from people all across America who had known his son. This is Lieutenant Colonel Oliver's legacy.

The loss of life, especially of one so young and vital, is never easy. Words do little to cap-

ture the spirit of the person or express the depth of our loss. But I know that we can all learn something from the life and service of Lieutenant Colonel Oliver.

Our thoughts are with the Oliver family at this difficult time. The loss they have sustained can never be measured, but I hope they can draw comfort from the fact the many fine memories of time spent with Allen.

I hope my colleagues will reflect upon the life of this man and draw strength and inspiration from the example set by Lieutenant Colonel Oliver. This is the most fitting tribute we can pay to him and to his family.

A TRIBUTE TO ALLAN HANCOCK

HON. BUD SHUSTER

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 15, 1996

Mr. SHUSTER. Mr. Speaker, not many of us would be able to accomplish much in the Congress if not for our loyal friends and supporters who have stood by us during the course of our careers in public service. I rise today to pay tribute to such a friend and supporter of mine who has dedicated his life to serving the community in which he lives. The man I am speaking of is my long-time campaign chairman, Mr. Allan G. Hancock of Altoona, PA.

Allan Hancock began his service in 1960 when he entered the insurance business. He actively became a chartered life underwriter, a chartered financial consultant, and a member of the Association for Advanced Life Underwriting. Allan went on to further his underwriting career by becoming president of the Altoona and Pennsylvania State Associations of Life Underwriters. He also served diligently as the State association's national committeeman from 1977-85.

In 1988, Allan was elected to the NALU board of trustees and was reelected in 1990. In 1992, he was elected secretary of NALU and became president of NALU in September 1994. Allan served as past vice chairman of NALU committees on associations, Federal law and legislation and health insurance. Allan also served as a trustee liaison for NALU's Education Committee and Public Service Committee. For all his hard work and dedication, Allan has been awarded both NALU's National Quality Award and the National Sales Achievement Award.

Allan's career of underwriting did not stop here. He became moderator for the Life Underwriting Training Council and served on LUTC's Advanced Sales Content and Techniques Committee. For 24 years, Allan has been a qualifying and life member of the Million Dollar Round Table where he has earned the title of Bronze Knight. He is also a life underwriters political action committee diplomat and a member of the American College's Golden Key Society.

Mr. Speaker, in addition to Allan's success in the insurance business, he has also generously served his community in many other ways. He was elected mayor of Altoona from 1980-84 and delegate to the Republican National Convention three times throughout the 1980's. In 1986, Allan was elected to and served admirably on the White House Conference on Small Business.

Whether serving his customers, his colleagues, or the citizens of Altoona, Allan Han-

cock has built a reputation as a man of great intellect and character. His more than three decades of work at the Principal Financial Group and in the Altoona area have distinguished him as a selfless individual who has given a great deal back to the community in which he lives. I will close, Mr. Speaker, on a personal note in thanking Allan Hancock for the many years of friendship and guidance which he has given both myself and my family.

A SPECIAL SALUTE TO ARTISTIC
DISCOVERY WINNERS

HON. LOUIS STOKES

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 15, 1996

Mr. STOKES. Mr. Speaker, I am proud to rise today to salute students from my congressional district who participated in the 1996 Artistic Discovery competition. In late June, the corridors of the U.S. Capitol will be filled with beautiful art work from around the country. The Artistic Discovery competition allows Members of Congress to conduct art competitions in their congressional districts for high school students. The winning art work from each Member's district then becomes part of a national exhibition of student art on display in Washington, DC.

From its inception, the Artistic Discovery competition was designed to allow high school students to showcase their creative talents. These young artists have the unique gift of artistic expression, and they are able to produce high quality work that reflects this special talent. I am certain that each participant in the competition puts forth the highest level of ability and energy to produce artistic masterpieces that all of us can appreciate and enjoy.

Mr. Speaker, I can say with pride that this year's Artistic Discovery competition in my congressional district was the best ever. My office received a total of 356 art entries from 10 local high schools. The judge for this year's competition, Ted Sherron, who serves as vice president for student affairs at the Cleveland Institute of Art, faced a difficult task of selecting a winner from the entries submitted. The winning art work, a self portrait, was submitted by Tim McLoughlin. Tim is a resident of Shaker Heights, OH, and he attends Shaker Heights High School. I am proud to salute Tim and I look forward to welcoming him to Washington, DC, for the national exhibition.

I would like to express my appreciation to the Mayor of Cleveland Heights, Carol Edwards. As a result of her efforts and that of her staff, the student art work from the 11th district was on display at city hall during a week-long Salute to Young Artists. On Saturday, May 4, 1995, an awards ceremony was held for the students. I am also grateful to Cleveland mayor Michael White who furnished special certificates for the students. Also, I wish to acknowledge Dick Bogomolny and National Supermarkets; Ernestine and Malcolm Brown; the Cleveland Museum of Art; and other individuals and organizations throughout the community for their continued support of the Artistic Discovery competition.

Mr. Speaker, the 1996 Artistic Discovery competition was a tremendous success in my congressional district. As a supporter of the

arts, I recognize the importance we must place on the arts by investing in our artists at an early age. In my opinion, it represents good sound policy. I would like to salute the students who participated in the 1996 Artistic Discovery competition. Each of these individuals are winners and should be duly acknowledged.

ARTISTIC DISCOVERY WINNERS
BEAUMONT SCHOOL

Nicole Abounader, Alyssa Adams, Amanda Amigo, Gretchen Aquilina, Amie Balbierz, Alithma Bell, Mary Ann Betsch, Missy Blakeley, Louise Burton, Yasmeen Chandler, Monique Christian, Anne Coburn, Heather Darroch, Catherine Davenport, Kathryn Dobrowski, Kristen Emancipator, Julie Engstrom, Andrea Galinski, Rachel Gilberti, Heather Gilmore, Laura Golombek, Katherine Grendell, Julie Hall, Julie Hanus, Betsy Harding, Meredith Harger, Amy Harmon, Sharia Jones, Karola Kirsanow, Molly Kohut, and Ginny Kolb.

Also, Megan Kollar, Raina Kratky, Terre Kraus, Natalie Lanese, Megan Lewicki, Diane Lloyd, Laura LoDuca, Josephine Lombardi, Lisa Lukwinski, Alicia Luton, Jennifer Martin, Regina Mastrangelo, Sarah McCormack, Katie McCullough, Andrea McDaniel, Elise McDonough, Ann McKeever, Aurora Mehlman, Erin Murphy, Collen O'Neill, Lisa Pajek, Carrie Paul, Sherry Peterson, Eileen Ryan, Ana Sancho, Maura Schmidt, Julie Shina, Valerie Sirvaitis, Maureen Standing, Nakisha Starks, Myranda Stephens, Ellen Sutheimer, Tracie Tegel, Jean Tillie, Jenni Traverse, Julia Wadsworth, and Melissa Watson.

Art teachers: Sr. Mary Lucia, O.S.U. and Ellen Carreras.

BEDFORD HIGH SCHOOL

Debra Babiak, Shannon Bakker, Kelly Benewiat, Brian Brown, Jessica Bruening, Eboni Davis, Kili Ellis, Sarah Etling, Sara Farkas, Vera Foster, Becky Frank, Russell Garganta, Monica Greivous, Greg Hodge, Richard Jastrzebski, Will Keenan, Jessica Keister, Kandice Langford, Matthew Lee, Aurora Mallin, Stephanie McCamey, Charles Minute, Steve Miracle, and Misty Neal.

Also, Cormaic O'Melia, Sarah Pinto, Erin Posanti, Michael Pritt, Quiana Redd, Mary Reichert, Brian Richardson, Rachel Roberts Stephani Rowe, Damian Salo, Amie Schade, James Schade, Susan Schmidt, Cassandra Skufca, Patrick Sweet, Heather Takacs, Jennifer Taylor, Kendra Tench, DeWayne Thomas, Talia Thomas, Cameron Tullios, Branden Vecchio, and Keytsa Warren.

Art teachers: Robert Bush, Dagmar Clements, Madelyn Koltcz, and Lou Panutos.

CLEVELAND HEIGHTS HIGH SCHOOL

Aria Benner, Rebecca Chizeck, Larry Chy, Evan Currey, Amanda Delamatre, Melissa Hancock, Sarah Horter, Liz Isabella, Lauren Kalman, Abigail Maier, Sarah Mansbacher, Kelsey Martin-Keating, Mary McDonald, Corinne Miller, Ethan Reed, LaSaundra Robinson, Karen Rolfe, Briana Ross, Kumiko Sakura, Dylan Telgarsky, Rachel Truitt, and Naomi White.

Art teacher: Susan Hood-Cogan.

CLEVELAND SCHOOL OF THE ARTS

Mario Donner, Jean Edmonds, Theodore Ennis, Tanya Gonzalez, Nicole Gregory, Najjal Hawkins, Derrick Hill, Taria Johnson-Whitsett, Michael Mannings, Serene Marshall, Brandon Ogletree, Nikia Pollard, Tamara Thornton, Sahara Williamson, and Adam Wise.

Art teachers: Andrew Hamlett and Danny Carver.

JOHN KAY HIGH SCHOOL

David Anaya, Dayaneth Berdiel, Tandalaya Colbert, Timothy Davis, Anthony Glass,

Christopher Harris, Gladys Hill, Richard Lawrence, Sharita Lumpkins, Talisha Mahone, Neftali Nieves, Pocita Norman, Rita Patterson, Alphonso Rogers, Quenisha Smith, Nyaunu Stevens, Andrew Straka, Tyrone Sykes, Mary Thomas, Shannon Turner, Terry Wallace, Theresa White, Lanithea Wright, and Monica Young.

Art teachers: Kathleen Yates, Harriet Goldner, and Richard Chappini.

LUTHERAN HIGH SCHOOL EAST

Shaunta Gates, Lana Lester, Jennifer Moore, Jamell Perry, Walter Smith, Tamiko Wheeler, Wendi Williams.

Art teacher: Kathryn Ulichney.

MAPLE HEIGHTS HIGH SCHOOL

William Abram, Andre Allen, Christopher Allen, Elliot Anderson, Sean Carano, Karen Curtis, Lakisha Dandridge, Eric Diedrich, Kimberly Filipic, Tim Fritz, Greg Gadowski, Jennifer Gedeon, Traci Helmick, Ralph Horne, Maria Kopec, Calvin Little, Sherry Morgan, Carla Ruffo, Charles Rupp, Michael Sindelar, Curtis Smith, Sean Szego, Otis Thomas, William Whoric, Justin Williams, and Kevin Workman.

Art teachers: Karen Mehling-DeMauro and Judy Wohl.

SHAKER HEIGHTS HIGH SCHOOL

Allison Beamer, Rebecca Beamer, Jessica Bilsky, Jeff Brigden, Robin Durham, Abigail DiSalvo, Patty Eppich, Erica Howaniak, Laura Kushnick, Reuben LeVine, Erica Manley, Suzannah Mathur, Tim McLoughlin, Gregory Morrison, Gilbert O'Connor, Norman Paris, Kelly Roth, Jennifer Skirball, Rokisha Smith, Meghan Thomas, Wallis Wilkinson, and Sharon Yates.

Art teachers: James Hoffman and Malcolm Brown.

SHAW HIGH SCHOOL

Clifford Allen, David Black, Faceta McMichael, Donna Parker, Byron Redmon, Travis Rock, and Krsna-Caran Short.

Art teacher: Susan Lokar.

WARRENSVILLE HEIGHTS HIGH SCHOOL

Donald Hayes, Olivia Jones, and Jermaine Powell.

Art teacher: James Evans.

DEFENSE SPENDING INCREASES
UNCONSCIONABLE

HON. ELIZABETH FURSE

OF OREGON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 15, 1996

Ms. FURSE. Mr. Speaker, I am disappointed with the fiscal year 1997 defense authorization adopted by the House today. I particularly object to the nearly \$13 billion spending increase added by the House National Security Committee. That increase is unconscionable.

Even though five amendments reducing the increase in defense spending were offered to the Rules Committee, not one was allowed for debate on the House floor—not even my amendment calling for a reduction of \$1. My amendment would have tested whether this body has the courage to cut even \$1 from the largest discretionary account in the budget.

What arrogance that was on the part of lawmakers to not even allow us to debate the decision the National Security Committee made to increase defense spending \$12.3 billion more than even the Pentagon asked for.

I would like to remind Speaker GINGRICH of what he said in his address to the Nation last

year following the passage of the Contract With America. He told America that everything is on the table, including Pentagon spending. House Budget Chairman KASICH said on CNN last year: "I want to suggest something that will ruffle a few feathers. And that is that the Pentagon should be reviewed with the same microscope as everything else in this Federal Government should be reviewed." Apparently, no one wanted to ruffle any feathers.

I would also like to remind my colleagues what Defense Secretary Perry had to say in his March 1996 annual report to the President and the Congress: "Events since the end of the cold war have demonstrated the need for America to retain a strong global leadership role and a prudent defense posture. President Clinton's fiscal year 1997 defense budget, and the strategy and plans on which it is based, support that need while remaining fiscally responsible."

Last year, this Congress increased defense spending by \$7 billion, while decreasing all other discretionary accounts. And this year, it looks like we will increase defense spending by almost twice that amount. I find it preposterous that we are considering increasing Pentagon spending at a time when we are asking seniors and students to pay more.

Last year's action was taken despite the fact that the University of Maryland conducted a nationwide poll last November that showed 77 percent of the American public opposed to Congress's addition of \$7 billion to the Pentagon's defense budget request.

People can argue about how much funding the Pentagon needs to perform its important role, U.S. defense spending is roughly equal to that of the next six nations combined. We spend twice as much on our military as do all of our potential enemies combined, including Russia and China.

We need to reassess our current strategy of fighting two wars nearly simultaneously without help from our allies. There are two potential war fronts out there. One is the threat of war abroad and the other is the lack of security on our streets.

Since 1980, 1,100 of our police officers have been killed in the line of duty. In the same time period, 530 U.S. soldiers have been killed in action. As crime rates have skyrocketed in this country, spending on police protection has remained constant. As a result, Americans have less than a 10th the effective police power of 30 years ago. We have a responsibility to protect our citizens from threats at home as well as threats from abroad.

This is National Law Enforcement Recognition Week. At this time when all of us are trying so hard to balance the Federal budget, we can avoid increasing military spending without endangering U.S. national security, which must include security at home.

I am pleased that the amendment I sponsored requiring greater burden sharing by our allies worldwide passed by a wide margin, 353 to 62. This marks the third year in a row I have sponsored such an amendment. This year's legislation is a timely call for a fundamental reassessment of our international troop deployments, an evaluation that has been sorely needed ever since the cold war ended.

I will continue to work to reorder our priorities in more commonsense ways. I firmly believe in spending every penny we need for a sound national defense, but not a penny more.

HONORING THE SUFFOLK COUNTY
POLICE

HON. GARY L. ACKERMAN

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 15, 1996

Mr. ACKERMAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to ask all my colleagues to join me in supporting the Suffolk County police during their annual memorial service.

The Suffolk County Police Superior Officers Association, the Suffolk County Police Benevolent Association, and the Suffolk County Detectives Association, will be honoring their fellow officers who have given their lives on the line of duty. In particular, the associations will be dedicating a commemorative footstone in memory of Sgt. Timothy Henck.

Suffolk County Police Sgt. Timothy J. Henck passed away as a result of injuries received in the line of duty on August 6, 1995. Sergeant Henck sustained his injuries during a vehicle chase of a burglary suspect on the Long Island Expressway.

Sergeant Henck came from a family with a history of law enforcement and followed his father, the late Lt. Thomas Henck of the Suffolk County Police Department, into law enforcement. Sergeant Henck began his career in January 1986, as a member of the New York City Police Department, serving in Brooklyn. Later that year, Sergeant Henck joined the Suffolk County Police Department, where he was assigned to the 3d precinct and quickly won 15 departmental commendations.

In June 1994, Timothy Henck was promoted to Sergeant and earned the respect and admiration of all those who worked for and with him until his untimely death last year.

Sergeant Henck showed the full measure of his devotion to law enforcement and made the ultimate sacrifice while in the performance of his duty.

Mr. Speaker, I ask all my colleagues to join me in honoring Sergeant Henck and all the Suffolk County police officers who have given their lives in the line of duty.

AUTHORIZING ACQUISITION OF
PROPERTY FOR INCLUSION IN
AMAGANSETT NATIONAL WILD-
LIFE REFUGE

SPEECH OF

HON. MICHAEL P. FORBES

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 14, 1996

Mr. FORBES. Mr. Speaker, as a young man growing up on Long Island I have known of and visited Shadmoor. Purchasing this property is of great importance to me and my neighbors on Long Island.

The Shadmoor property consists of 98 acres of dramatic oceanfront property at Montauk, in the town of East Hampton, NY. Shadmoor supports one of the largest and most viable populations of the endangered and federally listed sandplain gerardia, New York State's rarest plant. Once widespread along the Northeast coast, sandplain gerardia is now known to inhabit fewer than 10 sites in the world, 5 of those on Long Island.

This important population of sandplain gerardia grows on privately owned property.

The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service [USFWS] targeted this site for acquisition in its 1991 Northeast Coastal Areas Study. But so far, money has not been provided. Meanwhile, the property owners are very close to obtaining final approval for a subdivision that would lead to development of home lots at Shadmoor, effectively ending years of effort to save this population of sandplain gerardia.

H.R. 1836 is a bill authorizing the Fish and Wildlife Service to include Shadmoor in the Amagansett National Wildlife Refuge. Shadmoor is currently threatened by creeping development at its edges and if action is not taken promptly it could be lost.

Over the last 20 years, Long Island, and New York State, have received almost no Federal dollars for the acquisition of lands to protect endangered species. Nationally, few Federal dollars have been used to protect the habitat of critically imperiled plant species, while tens of millions have been spent for other purposes. Saving this property would go a long way toward correcting this inequity.

Shadmoor represents a unique combination of habitat for federally and State endangered species, offering a half mile of Atlantic Ocean coastline and having historical significance. Adjacent to 17 acres of East Hampton Town Parkland, the Northeast Coastal Areas Study prepared by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service [USFWS] in 1991 targeted the Shadmoor property for protection.

The USFWS believes it is critical for local entities to contribute to our important effort and recently the Town Board of East Hampton passed a resolution supporting the Federal acquisition of Shadmoor and agreeing to consider appropriating town money to help acquire the tract. The Nature Conservancy has also pledged funds to help purchase Shadmoor.

Mr. Speaker, I would like to take this opportunity to thank Sara Davison and Stuart Lowrie of the Nature Conservancy, Carol Morrison of the Concerned Citizens of Montauk, and Cathy Lester supervisor of the town of East Hampton for all of their hard work to protect Shadmoor.

Mr. Speaker, I would also like to bring to your attention H.R. 2005, the bill I introduced to make technical corrections in coastal barrier resources systems map that is also being considered today as an amendment to H.R. 1836. H.R. 2005 is a bill of great importance to the residents of the Point O'Woods community on Long Island. It passed the House under unanimous consent on October 29, 1995. This legislation corrects the mapping error that designated private property on Fire Island as an otherwise protected area on the coastal barrier resources system [CBRS] map of the Fire Island national seashore, making individuals ineligible for flood insurance for new constructions or relocated houses. This designation prevented the Point O'Woods community from proceeding with their 30-year land use plan.

There was never any reason to believe that the mapping error was anything but inadvertent. In any event, common sense and equity dictated that this error be corrected and because CBRS boundaries cannot be adjusted without congressional approval, this legislation solves the problem.

Point O'Woods is a unique community in that it has worked with the town of Brookhaven and FEMA to move up to 17 houses from the beach, and to permit the re-

building of the dunes for future protection of the community.

Mr. Speaker, H.R. 1836 and H.R. 2005 are very important to the residents of Long Island and I want to thank you, Chairman YOUNG of the Resources Committee, Chairman SXTON of the Resources Subcommittee on Fisheries, Wildlife and Oceans for your support of these bills and for bringing them to the floor expeditiously for a vote.

SERVICE ACADEMY GRADUATES,
TOP ROTC HAVE EARNED A REG-
ULAR COMMISSION

HON. ROBERT A. UNDERWOOD

OF GUAM

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 15, 1996

Mr. UNDERWOOD. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to commend my colleagues in the House National Security Committee for their support for my amendment to H.R. 3230 in committee which restores the regular, active duty commissions to graduates of the Military Academy—West Point—Naval Academy—Annapolis—Air Force Academy and top Reserve Officer Training Corps—ROTC—graduates.

As many of my colleagues know, I introduced this amendment as a bill, H.R. 2016, of which Chairman Robert Dornan and Congressman Jack Reed are original cosponsors. I am pleased that my colleagues supported the amendment by voice vote when I offered it on May 1 in the committee.

As a result of a change in the fiscal year 1993 Department of Defense authorization bill, beginning October 1, 1996, graduates of the military service academies and top ROTC graduates will receive a Reserve commission, instead of a regular, active duty commission. At the time of the change, the rationale was that regular commissioned officers received advantages over Reserve commissioned officers during the drawdown. Subsequently, the services received permission from Congress to subject regular officers to involuntary separation on the same basis as officers with Reserve commissions.

The difference for officers between the two types of commissions has become largely honorary, but it is an important incentive. Granting regular commissions rewards the hard work and sacrifices of these top graduates. Service academy and top ROTC graduates deserve the recognition for their dedication and excellence.

The difference for Congress between the two types of commissions is significant. Since it is easier to resign with a Reserve commission, granting regular commissions to Service Academy graduates protects our investment in them. It will also save taxpayer money spent on convening boards to review the applicants for regular commission status. The academies and the ROTC programs currently do a fine job of screening unqualified officer candidates.

As the two Chambers go to conference on H.R. 3230, I urge my colleagues to support the restoration of the regular, active duty commissions. The Military Service Academy and top ROTC graduates have earned a regular commission.

NATIONAL LYME DISEASE
AWARENESS MONTH

HON. BENJAMIN A. GILMAN

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 15, 1996

Mr. GILMAN. Mr. Speaker, yesterday I had the honor of participating with some of our colleagues in front of the Capitol Building to help call our country's attention to the devastating effects that Lyme disease has on so many of our citizens and particularly on our young children.

In my remarks at the rally I noted: We cannot permit the minds and bodies of those who are stricken with Lyme disease to simply waste away.

I had the pleasure of introducing as one of the principal speakers Mr. Evan White, a 17-year-old resident of Wesley Hills in Rockland County, in my own 20th Congressional District of New York. Evan was diagnosed with Lyme disease 5 years ago. In 1993, he testified before the Senate Labor and Human Relations Committee regarding the severe impact Lyme disease had on his life.

As I stated at the rally regarding Evan and others like him: The grit and courage that he and so many other young people like him have shown challenge us to ensure that the resources to conduct research into this disease are made available. For these young people, Lyme disease often cuts them down and disables them in the prime of their years. Often, they become ill and don't understand why—a condition that is very fearful for a young child.

When Evan White was first diagnosed with Lyme disease at the age of 12, his life and that of his family were turned upside down. He was confined to a wheelchair and unable to speak, read, or write for 3 years as he underwent painful rehabilitation and medical treatment.

Evan missed 4 years of schooling due to his illness, but his perseverance in the face of this adversity is a lesson to us all. His life, and the lives of others like him, challenge all of us to ensure that the resources to conduct research into Lyme disease are made available.

Speakers at the rally other than Evan underscored the importance of Lyme disease research. Dr. Stephen E. Straus of the National Institutes of Health announced the first intramural research on chronic disease and infection affecting the brain. Dr. Duane J. Gubler of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention announced the establishment of a task force. Karen Vanderhoof-Forschner, cofounder and chair of the Lyme Disease Foundation, Dr. Joseph Burrascano of Long Island, Dr. Anthony Lionetti of New Jersey, and the psychiatrist Dr. Richard Bransfield made excellent presentations regarding progress in the fight against Lyme disease. Ira Maurer, an attorney, discussed the plight of people caught in the middle of health care containment and physicians trying to practice good medicine, and Roberta Bethencourt, addressed the social impacts of Lyme disease. Hillary MacDonald, the daughter of a Lyme disease victim, informed us of the impact the disease had on her family.

In addition, I was joined at the podium by a host of our colleagues who had made names for themselves for their compassion and their

leadership in the Lyme disease crusade: Mrs. JOHNSON and Mrs. KENNELLY of Connecticut; Mr. SMITH and Mrs. ROUKEMA of New Jersey; Mr. VENTO of Minnesota and Mrs. LOWEY of New York. In addition, we were joined by Senator LIEBERMAN of Connecticut and Senators BRADLEY and LAUTENBERG of New Jersey.

Mr. Speaker, I am inserting at this point in the RECORD the poignant remarks made at our rally by Evan White:

STATEMENT BY EVAN WHITE

Hello. My name is Evan White. I'm 17 years old, and I have Lyme Disease.

Five years ago, Lyme Disease took from me everything I had—except my spirit. At twelve years old when I was first diagnosed with Lyme, my life and my family's life changed completely. Hampered by, headaches, severe neurological damage and full body atrophy, I was confined to a wheelchair and unable to speak, read or write for three years. Due to this crippling disease I spent the next three years of my life in the hospital, undergoing various painful rehabilitation and medical treatments.

As my will strengthened during this, mentally and physically draining my time, with my family's support I testified to Senator Kennedy at a senate hearing on Lyme Disease. Although I had great difficulty speaking I told the Senator, that the children with Lyme could not think or sleep and that we needed his help.

That was three years ago, after a year of antibiotic treatment and endless rehabilitation and support from my family, I'm fortunate enough to speak with you here today. After much missed school, I now attend school full time and hope to attend college in a year. Although I still have many painful symptoms of Lyme, with your support I keep fighting to someday be Lyme-free.

But I am here to talk about the children across the country who suffer from Lyme Disease as I did. These children are very sick, very scared and they need your help. The most precious years of their lives are being robbed from a disease which comes from a creature that is barely visible. They can't be with their friends, go to school, play sports or even have fun, believe me I know.

It isn't fair that such young children become so sick. It's not fair that our parents should have to fight like soldiers to ensure that our illness is taken seriously. So to Everyone here today, to everyone in the government, help us, take Lyme seriously. We have to and we can not survive without you.

The children of America are in danger! You must help us by finding a cure now! Please don't forget us!

JACKSON STATE UNIVERSITY
GOLF TEAM

HON. BENNIE G. THOMPSON

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 15, 1996

Mr. THOMPSON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay special recognition to the Jackson State University [JSU] golf team. JSU is a Historically Black University located in Jackson, MS and recently won its eighth consecutive Southwestern Athletic Conference [SWAC] golf championship.

This unprecedented accomplishment is a result of hard work and determination. When JSU travels to the University of Michigan to participate in the National Collegiate Athletic Association [NCAA] District 6 Central Region

playoffs later this month, they will once again be making history as the first HBCU to be invited to participate in the golf playoffs.

Eddie Payton is in his tenth year as JSU's golf coach. He currently holds a career record of 70 wins with 19 losses while compiling a 54–5 record in SWAC play, including a 52–0 record in the last eight years. He has garnered the SWAC Coach of the Year award eight times and the National Coach of the Year award twice.

Coach Payton also had a stellar football career both at Jackson State University and in the National Football League. As a member of the Detroit Lions, he once returned a punt for 89 yards for a touchdown and a kick 99 yards scoring twice in the same game while a member of the NFL's Detroit Lions.

Mr. Speaker, I ask you to join me in congratulating Coach Payton and the JSU golf team for their enormous success during the 1996 season.

NATIONAL DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION
ACT FOR FISCAL YEAR 1997

SPEECH OF

HON. WILLIAM H. ZELIFF, JR.

OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 14, 1996

The House in Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union had under consideration the bill (H.R. 3230) to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 1997 for military activities of the Department of Defense, to prescribe military personnel strengths for fiscal year 1997, and for other purposes:

Mr. ZELIFF. Mr. Chairman, the amendment under discussion is being offered in response to the discovery, in late 1995 and early 1996, of serious mismanagement by the White House Communications Agency, and those who share responsibility for oversight of that agency, including the White House Military Office, headed by Mr. Alan Sullivan, and the White House Office of Administration and Management, headed by Jodie Torkelson.

For those who do not know—and most do not know this—the White House Communications Agency is formally charged with providing telecommunications support to the President, and has existed since the late 1940's. However, today this once small office now spends more than \$ 100 million annually and employs more than 900 persons.

Recent mismanagement of this office has been significant, and necessitates serious reform. Findings and recommendations are detailed in two inspector general reports that were issued in November 1995 and April 1996. Chairman CLINGER's committee, and this subcommittee, have been investigating this office for almost 2 years. And we are planning a hearing on Thursday, May 16 on this very issue.

What we have now had confirmed to us, after extensive efforts by the White House last year to block any congressional oversight, is this.

The White House Communications Agency, which is funded through the Defense Department's Information Systems Agency, has been unchecked and has wasted millions of taxpayer dollars between 1993 and 1995. White House personnel responsible for oversight

have been asleep at the switch, and the Defense Information Systems Agency has been timid in questioning the White House practices.

In particular, the IG's reports reveal that the White House Communications Agency budgets have been unreviewed; the White House Communications Agency annual performance plan has failed to meet Department of Defense standards; acquisition planning has been inadequate, and has included an unwillingness to put millions of dollars' worth of contracts out to bid, essentially ignoring Federal procurement law; wasteful purchases have been made, including the purchase in 1994 of a \$4.9 million piece of mobile communications equipment that the White House now admits—and this is something out of the keystone cops—will not fit on the C-141 airplane that transports such equipment for the President, and was also made incompatible with most hotel electricity units; and the White House Communications Agency has also purchased goods and services without legal authority, and without binding contracts.

In short, this has been a black hole, over at the White House, into which we have been pouring nearly \$100 million annually without any executive branch oversight. It has also become a pot of money devoted to many things that have nothing to do with telecommunications or the President.

For example, the White House deploys Department of Defense moneys to fund an elaborate frame shop in the basement of the White House, which frames any personal picture with the President or anything else a White House staffer brings in to be framed. It funds stenographic services, audiovisual services, photos, and emblems, podiums and other nontelecommunications expenditures.

What this amendment would do is put an end to the broad-ranging mission creep that has occurred, and start us back toward a degree of accountability.

Now, as a footnote to all this, I must say that I am also greatly disappointed in the White House, frankly. After learning of this level of mismanagement and waste, my subcommittee invited them—in particular, Mr. Sullivan, and Ms. Torkelson—who recently herself negotiated a memorandum of understanding permitting this broad mission—to testify before the subcommittee on Thursday.

They were asked to respond to the IG's reports. They were asked because they are operational and have oversight responsibility—or have had until now. Instead of complying, as has been the track record of this White House on other matters, they are declining to even appear.

I will, therefore, once more ask them—before other measures are considered—to appear and testify on Thursday. In the meantime, I urge support for this narrowing amendment.

USA TODAY RECOGNITION OF WAYNE VALLEY (NJ) HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT

HON. WILLIAM J. MARTINI

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 15, 1996

Mr. MARTINI. Mr. Speaker, I am taking this opportunity today to commend the community

of Wayne, NJ and its educators for their commitment to excellence in education. In the third article of a five-part series currently running in USA Today, the Wayne Valley High School District was specifically cited as an education system worth migrating to.

This May 15, 1996, article on education in the United States focused on the importance of residential location and school districting when families make decisions on where to raise families. The story pointed out that "real estate agents, appraisers, home builders, and tax authorities overwhelmingly agree that proximity to high-quality schools is now the No. 1 factor in determining what a home is worth in any given market."

Citing schools as her top priority, the article specifically mentioned Ms. Alice Li of Wayne, NJ. Ten years ago the Li family, with very young daughter Winnie, moved from Pennsylvania to New Jersey. Although her daughter was very young, Ms. Li cited the talented and gifted program of the Wayne School District as an important factor which brought them to the 8th district.

Mr. Speaker, Ms. Li had the foresight to plan for young Winnie's future education. The result: Winnie has scored perfectly three straight years on the National Latin Exam, is the editor of the school newspaper, and will graduate Wayne Valley High with a 4.0 grade point average. It comes as no surprise that with such strong academic credentials, Winnie will attend Harvard University in the fall. I commend Winnie for her achievements and certainly wish her continued success in Cambridge, MA.

Mr. Speaker, this article is just another example of how vital quality school systems are to our communities. Without responsible teachers and challenging curricula in place, towns and cities have very little to offer parents and would be residents. Strengthening education programs remain a top priority for me and I will continue to work toward raising the standards by which our schools measure themselves. I am pleased that Wayne, NJ and one its stand-out pupils have been recognized in this capacity.

Again, I commend Ms. Alice Li, her daughter Winnie, and the Wayne Valley High School District.

ANTI-DRUG EFFORTS

HON. LEE H. HAMILTON

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 15, 1996

Mr. HAMILTON. Mr. Speaker, I would like to insert my Washington Report for Wednesday, May 15, 1996, into the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD.

PROTECTING OUR CHILDREN FROM DRUGS

An estimated 12.2 million Americans consume illegal drugs at least once a month, causing enormous human costs in terms of lost productivity, drug-related violence, and ruined lives. Over 20,000 Americans die each year in drug-related deaths. Fighting drugs is not cheap. The federal government will spend \$15 billion this year, and local governments spend far more. Yet half of Americans say that they, or someone in their family, or a close friend, has used illegal drugs, and drug use is increasing among young people. We may not have lost the war on drugs, but

neither are we winning it. We must reassess and revitalize our efforts.

Fighting drugs requires a systematic approach on a number of fronts. There are four key elements to drug control policy:

LAW ENFORCEMENT

There is no question that cities have felt the brunt of drug-related crime, but law enforcement officials in our small towns and rural areas express their concern that theft, domestic violence, and juvenile crimes are increasingly linked to illegal drugs. I answer letters each week from Hoosier children who are worried about drugs and violence in their schools.

In southern Indiana, federal funds support local police officers, Drug Enforcement Agency officers, and the Southern Indiana Drug Task Force for undercover operations. The National Guard and the Civil Air Patrol eradicate billions of dollars of marijuana and other plants each year. We must focus on youth, gangs, and domestic violence, and give law enforcement officers, judges, and prosecutors the resources to provide swift justice. Prosecutors must focus on key drug crime figures, and judges should be given tough but flexible sentencing guidelines to ensure that first-time offenders do not become addicts, and that drug traffickers are severely punished.

EDUCATION, PREVENTION, AND TREATMENT

Law enforcement officers tell me that, unless we reduce the demand for drugs, no level of punishment or eradication will be able to win the war on drugs. Drug education programs have helped stigmatize drug use in schools and the workplace, and treatment—when available—has proven successful in getting people off drugs. Federal funds help numerous southern Indiana drug prevention programs in schools and community agencies. Studies show that, for each \$1 spent on prevention, \$7 is saved on crime, health, and welfare costs. Treatment can be improved with more research, early access to treatment, and compassionate care to the victims of drug abuse. We should also consolidate and streamline the dozens of government prevention programs, working hand in hand with America's religious, community, and educational groups.

INTERDICTION AND ERADICATION

The main focus of U.S. counternarcotics efforts should be here at home, but there is a key international dimension—eradicating drug crops abroad and stopping the narcotics flow across U.S. borders. Most illegal drugs enter the U.S. along the Florida shoreline or the Mexican border. Federal interdiction efforts include border control and interception of drug planes and ships in international territory. We must use the most sophisticated intelligence, technology, and science to shield our borders from the drug threat.

SOURCE COUNTRIES

Drug traffickers can best be stopped by arresting, convicting, and incarcerating them on their own turf, and other countries must do their share. Money laundering, drug production, and organized drug cartels are international problems, and cannot be solved by the U.S. alone. We should strengthen foreign law enforcement and judicial institutions. Cooperation with Mexican authorities has improved, as demonstrated by the recent destruction of a major Mexican-American drug ring. We should reward countries that convict drug traffickers, eradicate cocaine and heroin farms, seize drug shipments, and aggressively pursue illegal drug labs. We should punish countries that do not do their share by linking drug cooperation to trade sanctions and foreign assistance. We must use the U.N. and other multilateral organizations to share the burden and the costs of narcotics control.

YOUTH DRUG USE

Previous efforts to reduce drug use have been moderately successful, but hard core drug users and drug-related violence have proven more difficult to stop. Progress has been made. The number of people who use drugs each month has fallen from 22.3 million in 1985 to 12.2 million in 1994, and drug-related homicides are down 25 percent. It is alarming, however, that drug use is increasing among young people. One in three high school seniors say they have used marijuana, and reports show this figure is rising. In southern Indiana, parents, teachers, and local officials tell me that youth drug use is spreading swiftly in small towns and rural areas.

Protecting our children from the scourge of drugs must be our top priority. Tough penalties for drug violations can help, but communities must redouble their efforts to keep kids from trying drugs in the first place. The Safe and Drug Free Schools Act provides federal funding to help local schools with drug prevention. In southern Indiana, federal COPS community policing grants have helped many law enforcement agencies expand the DARE drug education programs in schools. I oppose efforts in Congress to reduce or eliminate these programs. There are dozens of other efforts, and we should improve cooperation among parents, schools, private groups, and law enforcement to identify, punish, and treat repeat juvenile offenders.

ACTIONS

Congress should take several additional steps to improve our drug war strategy. First, we must streamline the more than 50 federal agencies involved in the drug war. Second, we should increase monitoring of legal "source chemicals", which are used to process raw drugs and to make "artificial drugs" such as methamphetamines. Third, we must ask our foreign allies to do their fair share to fight drugs. I have introduced legislation to impose trade sanctions on countries that fail to control narcotics production and trafficking. We should also strongly link foreign assistance with a country's drug control efforts. Fourth, Congress should commit the necessary resources to crack down on drug trafficking.

We must recognize, however, that domestic and international law enforcement can only do so much. As long as Americans are willing to spend billions of dollars on illegal drugs, the traffickers and pushers will find new ways to meet that demand. If parents, schools, churches, community groups, and public officials insist on personal responsibility and provide support to end the cycle of addiction, we may be able to keep the next generation of young people safe from the scourge of drugs.

TRIBUTE TO DR. TIMOTHY WINTERS

HON. BOB FILNER

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 15, 1996

Mr. FILNER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize a truly remarkable leader from my 50th Congressional District in San Diego. In the Reverend Dr. Timothy Winters, we find a man who has dedicated his life to improving the socio-economic and spiritual well-being of many of our neighborhoods and communities in San Diego.

In addition to being pastor of the Bayview Baptist Church, one of the largest churches in

San Diego, he also holds the position as president of the Baptist Ministers Union. While in this position, Dr. Winters has shown to be a very capable leader in guiding both his church and the ministerial organization to success and high achievement. He was instrumental in the building of the Martin Luther King Jr. School, complete with classrooms, meeting halls, and banquet facilities.

Dr. Winters is also an accomplished speaker, often called upon to speak on various problems and concerns of the African-American community and the city at large.

He lectures frequently on the matters of consumer awareness and debt-free living.

His workshops and finance seminars, which he often conducts from various churches, have helped to improve the lives of literally thousands of those who have heeded his advice and counsel.

Lately, Dr. Winters has been working with other community leaders as a part of a group to charter a new community credit union in the heart of my 50th Congressional District, another indication of his tireless dedication to the social and economic well-being of his—and my—community.

I am also proud of the many fair-lending agreements that Dr. Winters assisted in forging with the many banks, and other financial institutions in our city.

He has often been a great inspiration to me, and I look forward to working with Dr. Winters to raise the quality of life in our community. Please join me in celebrating the great contributions and achievements made to the constituents of the 50th Congressional District by Dr. Timothy Winters.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. MIKE WARD

OF KENTUCKY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 15, 1996

Mr. WARD. Mr. Speaker, on May 15, 1996, I was unavoidably detained and missed two rollcall votes. I would like the RECORD to show that had I been present for rollcall vote No. 173, on H.R. 3230, National Defense Authorization for Fiscal Year 1997, motion to recommend, I would have voted "yes." On rollcall vote No. 174, final passage, I would have voted "yes."

TRIBUTE TO HUGH JARVIS

HON. DAVID E. BONIOR

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 15, 1996

Mr. BONIOR. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Hugh Jarvis, a constituent, good friend, and dedicated educator who retired last February after serving for nearly 15 years as president of the Michigan Federation of Teachers and School Related Personnel.

At a time when all of us are working to improve educational opportunities for American families, the work of Hugh Jarvis is an inspiration. For 36 years, Hugh has dedicated himself to improving education in Macomb County and throughout Michigan. As a respected junior high school teacher, coach, and volunteer,

Hugh has worked both in and out of the classroom to achieve educational excellence for students, parents, and families in our community.

Hugh graduated from Michigan State University in 1960, and went on to get his masters degree from MSU in 1964. During that time, he started his career as a teacher in East Detroit—where I grew up—teaching junior high school social studies and working closely with students as coach for the track team.

Civic responsibility and involvement are not just ideas that Hugh Jarvis taught his students in the classroom, they are the values that he has lived by example. Quietly, without much fanfare, Hugh Jarvis worked for over three and a half decades as an activist for better education for students.

In 1985, Hugh's work in education was recognized when Michigan Governor Jim Blanchard appointed him to the board of control of Northern Michigan University—a prestigious position which allowed him to help direct NMU and its educational mission. Hugh has also volunteered his time and expertise as a member of the Michigan Public School Finance Commission.

In his distinguished career, Hugh's commitment to students and families has also led him to be a leader in the labor community, and to work for the rights of teachers and educators.

Actively involved in the Michigan Federation of Teachers and the Democratic Party since the early 1960's, Hugh was elected president of the MFT in 1981. During his tenure as president, Hugh distinguished himself as a person who worked tirelessly for better education for our children and better working conditions for the men and women who teach them.

Mr. Speaker, Hugh Jarvis' example is one that all of us should take. His quiet and unwavering commitment to education, and to giving of himself for students and families in Michigan are a testament to him and to his profession.

As we observe this milestone in Hugh Jarvis' distinguished career, I take great pride in calling him a personal friend, and in joining with my colleagues to express my deep thanks to him for his work.

NATIONAL DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION ACT FOR FISCAL YEAR 1997

SPEECH OF

HON. CARDISS COLLINS

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 14, 1996

The House in Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union had under consideration the bill (H.R. 3230) to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 1997 for military activities of the Department of Defense, to prescribe military personnel strengths for fiscal year 1997, and for other purposes:

Mrs. COLLINS of Illinois. Mr. Chairman, I rise in support of the amendment offered by Congressman TORKILDSEN and Congresswoman HARMAN which moves to restore sanity, and bipartisan reality to the U.S. Congress. Last year, the radical GINGRICH-ARMEY Republicans prevailed in inserting their radicalism into the Defense Department authorization and

forced upon the U.S. military that it had to kick out valuable experienced, trained U.S. military personnel if and when they were diagnosed as being HIV-positive.

Upon signing the DOD bill for fiscal year 1996, President Clinton instructed the military that it would be the policy of his administration to not enforce that provision. A bipartisan omnibus appropriations conference committee supported President Clinton's position by including a provision to override the discharge mandate. The current DOD authorization bill for fiscal year 1997 has a rerun of the radically conservative, homophobic and punitive measure that is really only designed to further harass persons because of their sexual orientation. It has been widely publicized that the 1,000 plus active military personnel currently known to be HIV-positive reflect a broad cross-section of American life. There are married men and women, single men and women, gays and straights, mothers and fathers among the HIV-positive currently serving in our military, just like there are all across our great land.

The Americans with Disabilities Act [ADA] passed by Congress and implemented into helpful law all across America, prohibits discrimination against and provides for accommodation for persons who are HIV-positive among the many listed disabilities. Our dedicated military personnel deserve the same fair and culturally competent support as any other person afflicted with a physical or medical disability. Logical persons understand that a person can be HIV-positive for 20 or more years without developing AIDS or any further symptom or manifestation of HIV/AIDS. Reasonable persons have learned that HIV is a sexually transmitted disease that cannot be contracted by simple human contact.

In supporting this Torkildsen/Harman amendment, my colleagues are in good company. Let me just list a few of the people and organizations my colleagues have advised us are in support of this amendment: The American Medical Association [AMA]; the Air Force Association; the Veterans of Foreign Wars [VFW]; Disabled American Veterans [DAV]; the Human Rights Campaign; former Senator and former Senate Armed Services Committee chairman Barry Goldwater; Secretary of Defense William Perry; Secretary of Veterans Affairs Jesse Brown; and Gen. John Shalikashvili, Chairman of the Joint Chiefs.

I urge my colleagues to support the Torkildsen/Harman amendment that eliminates the current bill language requiring that military personnel who are HIV-positive be discharged from the service, and to support fairness for all U.S. citizens, including our dedicated military service members.

RECOGNIZING JAMES R. NUNES

HON. BILL BAKER

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 15, 1996

Mr. BAKER of California. Mr. Speaker, for more than three decades, James R. Nunes has served as an officer of the law. Since 1979, he has been chief of the Pleasant Hill, CA Police Department in my home district. Now, after 37 years of service as a police officer, first with the military and then with three different cities, he is retiring from the force.

Throughout his career, Chief Nunes has worked to make our streets safer, our communities stronger, and our children's future brighter. He knows the meaning of long nights, hard work, and personal sacrifice. His many community activities further reflect his commitment to the citizens of the East Bay community, and are indicative of his devotion to the building of a better society.

It is my sincere hope that Chief Nunes will enjoy a well-deserved retirement from the force. His contributions have been both formidable and enduring, and I know all of my colleagues will join me in wishing him every good thing in the days ahead.

TRIBUTE TO BOB SLIVOVSKY AND KENNY WILLIAMS

HON. WILLIAM O. LIPINSKI

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 15, 1996

Mr. LIPINSKI. Mr. Speaker, I wish to pay tribute to two outstanding individuals who have contributed greatly to athletic competition in my district and throughout the Chicago area—Mr. Bob "Slivers" Slivovsky and Mr. Kenny Williams—who were inducted into the Illinois Basketball Coaches Hall of Fame on April 27, 1996.

Slivers Slivovsky has devoted most of his life to athletics at Morton College in Cicero, IL, first as a member of the school's baseball team in the early 1950's, and for the last 24 years as equipment manager, a job title that does not even begin to describe his responsibilities. As Morton Athletic Director George Fejt said of his prized employee: He's our facility manager, sports information director, fundraising coordinator, and goodwill ambassador.

However, it may be Slivers work outside of the school that made the difference in receiving his recognition by the hall of fame as a friend of basketball. For years, he has run and organized the Henry Vais Basketball Tournament at Morton, a two tiered competition for local grade-school players of differing skill levels that is recognized as one of the best tournaments of its kind.

The tournament is his pride and joy—no team is eliminated and the kids enjoy themselves. It provides kids with an opportunity to play and not worry about the wins and the losses, as Slivers describes it.

THE FEDERAL HEALTH PROGRAM BENEFIT CHANGE ACCOUNTABILITY ACT

HON. BENJAMIN L. CARDIN

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 15, 1996

Mr. CARDIN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today with a bipartisan group of Representatives to introduce the Federal Health Program Benefit Change Accountability Act. This legislation would prevent the Office of Personnel Management [OPM] from making significant changes to Federal retirees' health benefits without first reporting to Congress what those changes will entail, how costs to retirees will be impacted, and how quality will be assured.

This legislation comes in direct response to OPM's decision to allow Blue Cross/Blue Shield [BC/BS] to alter the prescription drug benefit of their standard benefit package for Federal retirees on Medicare. Prior to 1996, there was no cost-sharing for prescription drugs purchased at a network retail pharmacy or through the mail order pharmacy. Starting in January 1996, BC/BS began charging Federal retirees on Medicare a new 20 percent copayment for prescriptions purchased at their network retail pharmacies. The only way this new copayment can be avoided is to use the mail order pharmacy program offered by BC/BS.

Many of us heard from constituents who opposed this change. Most seniors live on fixed incomes and are sensitive to sudden increases in the cost of prescription drugs. They are also the segment of our population that uses the most medications. At the same time, seniors tend to have long standing relationships with their local pharmacists who provide important health care services to them. A local retail pharmacist is often willing to perform services such as color-coding their prescriptions, providing special caps for easy opening, and offering important face-to-face counseling. In addition to being health care providers, local pharmacies play an important local economic role. Sending prescriptions to mail order pharmacies takes dollars and jobs out of our communities. The bottom line is that this benefit change by BC/BS hurts both our constituents' health and our local economies.

More than 70 colleagues joined me in writing to OPM in December 1995 opposing this benefit change. We are still awaiting an important report from GAO that will detail the effect of various prescription drug policies on both enrollees and community pharmacies. We asked OPM to delay implementation of this benefit change until the GAO study was complete and until other cost-savings alternatives were investigated. That letter is attached at the end of this statement.

OPM did not agree with our concerns and went ahead with implementing the benefit change as scheduled. What happened then was nothing short of chaos. The mail order pharmacy company was not prepared for the tremendous increase in business resulting from the new 20 percent copayment at retail pharmacies. We received reports of doctors attempting to submit prescriptions being told that the fax machines had been unplugged and they were not accepting new prescriptions, enrollees were reporting delays of several weeks before obtaining their prescriptions, and there were problems with incomplete or incorrect orders. A constituent of mine in Baltimore stated that she had "literally spent one month on this phone with this company." She also said that when her order finally arrived, her bottle was seven pills short, and her husband's was shy two pills.

To OPM's credit, they immediately moved to correct these severe inadequacies of the program. They allowed a limited number of enrollees to temporarily obtain their drugs at their local pharmacies without the copayment penalty. While it does appear that these extreme problems have been corrected, the fact remains that there are still problems and inequities.

Mail order pharmacies are certainly an appropriate option to make available for enrollees. However, this new copayment structure

does not result in a real choice for seniors—it simply increases their out-of-pocket costs. Mail order pharmacies are not an appropriate source for acute drugs because of the length of time it takes to obtain a prescription. This new BC/BS policy imposes a new 20 percent copayment—which can be a significant cost—on enrollees needing acute prescriptions. For them, the mail order pharmacy is not a viable option to avoid this new costs. If the 20 percent copayment is a serious impediment, then the senior may use the mail order option anyway. Their health could be seriously impacted by that decision. In addition, people have been unable to obtain color-coding for their prescriptions—an important service for a frail senior taking a strong regimen of prescriptions.

I, along with several colleagues, have spent months looking into possible remedies to prevent OPM from making decisions on benefit changes in a vacuum as they do today. Our goal is to avoid any repeat performances of the problems we have seen this year. Our legislation is entitled "The Federal Health Program Benefit Change Accountability Act." It details the multiple problems resulting from OPM's decision to make this benefit change and would institute a new reporting process. OPM would be required to provide an annual report to Congress that would describe any significant changes for the upcoming year in Federal retiree health benefits. The report would also provide Congress with the details that were missing this past year. It would explain what cost savings expected to be achieved, how enrollees would be financially affected by the change, and how quality of care would be impacted. Congress would then have time to react if there were concerns with the change.

The bill has been endorsed by the National Association of Chain Drug Stores, the National Association of Retail Druggists, the National Council on Aging, and the National Council of Senior Citizens. The original cosponsors are: Representatives J.C. WATTS, HOYER, GILMAN, MORELLA, PICKETT, LAFALCE, CRAMER, POMEROY, BREWSTER, TIM JOHNSON, MORAN, MEEK, and EHRLICH. We urge our colleagues to join us in preventing OPM from making new benefits changes that negatively impact seniors' health and our local communities.

CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES,
Washington, DC, December 15, 1995.

JAMES B. KING,
Director, Office of Personnel Management,
Washington, DC.

DEAR MR. KING: We are writing to raise concerns about the implementation of a new 20 percent copayment for prescriptions filled in local retail pharmacies under the Blue Cross/Blue Shield Federal Employees Health Benefits Program.

As you know, beginning January 1, 1996, this change will make it more costly for almost one million Federal retirees with Medicare Part B coverage if they want to continue to obtain their prescriptions at their neighborhood pharmacy. The only way for Federal retirees to avoid the imposition of this new cost-sharing will be for them to leave their neighborhood pharmacy and send their prescriptions to an out-of-state mail order firm. The rationale for this change is that it is a cost-saving measure. While we commend efforts by BC/BS to lower costs for the Federal Government and their enrollees, we question whether these savings will be passed through to enrollees.

Two aspects of these efforts are abundantly clear to us. Last year, BC/BS's use of

a mail order operation diverted \$400 million from our districts in sales, revenues and jobs from the local pharmacies. If this new change becomes effective, an estimated \$600 million will leave our districts in 1996 and instead be invested in an out-of-state mail order firm. Many local pharmacies are small businesses that cannot afford a shift of their local business to out-of-state mail order firms. Second, Federal retirees, many of whom take multiple prescriptions that require face-to-face pharmacist counseling and close monitoring of prescription use, will lose the medical counseling of their local pharmacists when they switch to the mail order program due to financial constraints.

We have strong reservations about cost-saving solutions that place an economic penalty on the use of local pharmacies. There are alternative approaches that BC/BS could take to achieve cost-savings in the area of prescription drug use. One solution would be to implement a mandatory generic drug program. Another solution could be a reasonable copayment, such as one or two dollars, per prescription drug. Neither of these alternatives would disadvantage our neighborhood pharmacies which play important health care and economic roles in our communities.

You may be aware that the GAO has recently been asked to study the impact of BC/BS's FEHBP's prescription drug program policies on enrollees and community pharmacies. We believe that this is an important study and that the results should be known before this new policy is implemented. Therefore, we ask you to take action to postpone implementation of this change until the GAO study is complete and to consider alternative cost-saving approaches such as those mentioned in this letter.

Sincerely,
Benjamin L. Cardin and 68 Members of Congress.

TRIBUTE TO W.T. WOODSON HIGH SCHOOL CONCERT BAND OF FAIRFAX

HON. THOMAS M. DAVIS

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 15, 1996

Mr. DAVIS. Mr. Speaker, it gives me great pleasure to rise today and pay tribute to the W.T. Woodson Senior High School Concert Band of Fairfax, which will receive one of the most prestigious international awards for high school concert bands. On May 17, 1996, the W.T. Woodson Band will receive the John Philip Sousa Foundation's Sudler Flag of Honor, an award which recognizes high school concert bands that have demonstrated the highest standards of excellence in all respects of their activities. Under the direction of a very dedicated and talented music director, Mr. John Casagrande, it is one of only two bands from the entire United States and Canada to receive this coveted award this year.

Each year, the John Philip Sousa Foundation awards the Sudler Flag of Honor after conducting a rigorous selection process undertaken by a committee made up of nationally known band conductors. The Selection Committee chooses award recipients based on the following criteria: First, the band's music director has been incumbent in his or her own position for at least 7 consecutive years; second, the band has maintained a high standard of excellence in the concert area for several

years; third, the band has received a superior rating at State, regional, or national levels of competition; fourth, the band has performed at significant meetings at State, regional, and national levels; and fifth, a number of students in the band have participated in district and all-State honor bands or similar groups. There is no limit on the number of bands which can receive the Sudler Flag of Honor each year. So indeed, not only is it a remarkable accomplishment that the W.T. Woodson Band earned this honor, it is equally commendable that it is one of only two bands worthy of receiving the award in 1996.

Mr. Speaker, I know my colleagues will join me in applauding the hard work and commitment of Mr. Casagrande and this talented group of young musicians. I congratulate them on receiving this distinguished award and for making their parents, neighbors, and community proud of this exceptional achievement.

50TH ANNIVERSARY OF SACRED HEART CHURCH IN FEEDING HILLS, MA

HON. RICHARD E. NEAL

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 15, 1996

Mr. NEAL. Mr. Speaker, today I would like to recognize the Parish of Sacred Heart Church in Feeding Hills, MA which will be celebrating its 50th anniversary on Sunday, May 19, 1996. For the past half century, Sacred Heart Church has been an integral part of the Springfield Catholic Diocese and a mainstay in the town of Agawam. The church began as a small mission chapel for Mount Carmel Church in Springfield and was run by the Stigmatine Fathers. In 1946, Bishop Thomas M. O'Leary declared Sacred Heart a territorial parish in Feeding Hills to be run by the Stigmatine Order.

Sacred Heart had 175 families in its parish in 1946 but its chapel could only accommodate 125 people. The need for a new larger church was immanent and the parishioners immediately began working together to raise the necessary funds for the new construction. After more than ten years of hard work, the diligence of these parishioners was rewarded in 1959 when Bishop Christopher Weldon dedicated the new Sacred Heart Church. The expansion did not end with the new church, however, and in 1964 the men of the parish built the Sacred Heart Restaurant at the Big "E" in West Springfield and the Parish Center was dedicated in 1971. During this period, an athletic program was established for the young people of the parish and a parish library was added, complete with adult bible classes. The parish had certainly blossomed into a major center for community activity in the Feeding Hills area and was a source of tremendous pride for the citizens of Agawam.

Today the parish has grown to 2,065 families and has been transferred from the Stigmatine Order back to the Springfield Diocese. This tremendous growth and the parish's continued commitment to charitable organizations and community development have made Sacred Heart one of the true gems of the Second Congressional District. I would like to salute Rev. Kenneth Tatro, the Pastor of Sacred Heart; Pastoral Minister Sister Eileen Sullivan, SSJ; Deacon James Martone;

and the many dedicated parishioners who have donated so much time and energy over the years to ensure Sacred Heart's place among the most outstanding institutions in Western Massachusetts.

Sacred Heart is a tremendous source of pride for not only the Springfield Diocese but for the entire Second Congressional District. I am honored to represent the outstanding individuals who comprise Sacred Heart parish and I join with the citizens of the Second Congressional District in offering a most heartfelt congratulations on this "golden" anniversary. Sacred Heart has truly succeeded in its mission to foster a cooperative and inclusive spirit in the community and I wish Sacred Heart Church all the best for another successful 50 years.

DON'T DISCRIMINATE AGAINST
THE HIV-POSITIVE

HON. SAM FARR

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 15, 1996

Mr. FARR of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to express strong opposition to an unfair and discriminatory provision in the National Security Authorization Act of 1996. This provision would require all HIV-positive personnel to be immediately and summarily discharged from the military.

The provision is based on prejudice and misunderstanding about HIV and the AIDS virus. Being HIV-positive does not mean being bed-ridden. It does not mean you cannot work. It does not mean you are contagious. In fact, it may take years before people who are HIV-positive show the debilitating symptoms of AIDS.

Current military policy is fair and makes sense. Those who are HIV-positive, as with those with disabilities, are not sent in combat. They are allowed to continue their service until they are too ill to serve.

But this provision would remove such persons outright, whether they are ill or healthy. The assumption is, if you have HIV, you are a threat to others, you are sick, or something is wrong with you.

All of those beliefs are false. Magic Johnson is one, more famous example, but there are tens of thousands of HIV-positive Americans who are healthy, working, and contributing to society.

We should not discriminate against men and women in uniform if they are still able—and still want—to serve their country.

50TH ANNIVERSARY OF WAKEFERN
FOOD CORPORATION

HON. ROBERT E. ANDREWS

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 15, 1996

Mr. ANDREWS. Mr. Speaker, I would like to bring to the attention of my colleagues one of the great business success stories in my State, Wakefern Food Corp. of Elizabeth, NJ.

Wakefern, which to many of us is known as ShopRite, was born in 1946. The Second World War was one of the great tragic con-

licts of human history, but the peacetime economy that was created in its aftermath laid the groundwork for so many positive opportunities to come. Wakefern was created out of just such an opportunity. In Newark, NJ, eight independent grocers joined together to create a buying cooperative, Wakefern Food Corp., so they could get the benefit of buying discounts. Like so many other companies, their earliest days were filled with endless challenges and difficulties. Yet, through hard work and dedication to a dream they persevered, and the company became the success that it is today.

Today, Wakefern and its ShopRite supermarkets represent the largest retailer-owned cooperative in the United States and are New Jersey's second largest employer. Their 37 members own and operate those supermarkets employing 35,000 associates and serving 500 communities in New Jersey and more than 3 million customers each week. Throughout the region, the firm employs 15,000 more associates.

Wakefern takes its mission of excellence seriously, and it also understands that this mission can only be extended through community involvement. ShopRite's owners and Wakefern have dedicated themselves to improving educational opportunities through programs such as the supermarket careers effort for special needs students. They have worked tirelessly to fight hunger through their support of the Community Food Bank of New Jersey, and they can continuously recognize the spirit of friendship and love through their sponsorship of the New Jersey Special Olympics.

This past March, I was pleased to join with those congratulating Wakefern's general merchandise facility in Jamesburg for winning the Merit Site OSHA Award for workplace safety.

This year, Wakefern is celebrating its 50th anniversary in grand style, with commemorative ceremonies and activities at Liberty State Park and Ellis Island. While we join in this celebration and recognize the dedication of so many that have worked so hard to make Wakefern and ShopRite the outstanding corporate citizen that it has become, we also pay tribute to an individual who helped build this company from the ground up, Tom Infusino. Tom has steadfastly led Wakefern as its chairman for the last 25 years. His vision has helped transform Wakefern from a group of local grocers to the great service corporation that it is today.

Mr. Speaker, I know that my colleagues would join me today in congratulating Wakefern, its 50,000 associates and its great leadership on 50 years of success, and in wishing them 50 more years of service to our community.

CONDEMNATION OF SHOPPING
CENTER OUTSIDE AUSCHWITZ

HON. ROBERT G. TORRICELLI

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 15, 1996

Mr. TORRICELLI. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to condemn, in the strongest possible terms, a proposed shopping mall to be located just outside the Auschwitz death camp in Poland.

The Auschwitz death camp has left a scar in our minds and hearts that can never be re-

moved. It is a reminder of the depths of evil human kind is capable of. And it serves as a warning that we must never let it happen again. For anyone to commercialize Auschwitz or develop its immediate surroundings would be an affront to all of us, and to the memories of the millions of victims of the Holocaust.

Approximately 1.5 million people were killed at Auschwitz during World War II. The 50,000 people who visit the camp sites every year are there to understand the monstrous inhumanity that took place. To exploit the camps for economic gain is an insult to everyone who has worked to ensure the Holocaust's unique place in the world's history and culture.

The Polish Government recently announced that it would temporarily halt further development of the shopping center outside the Auschwitz death camp and set up a special government commission to examine the legality of the planned supermarket. The First Secretary also noted that Poland's President Aleksander Kwasniewski "strongly criticized the proposed construction." The final decision on whether to proceed with the shopping center lies with the town council of Oswiecim-Brzezinka.

There must be no equivocation on termination of this shopping center. The construction must stop permanently. A commercial endeavor so close to Auschwitz would be offensive not just to the memories of those who were murdered there but to the sense that Auschwitz stands as one of the most prominent symbols of the lesson of the Holocaust, "Never Again."

IN HONOR OF OFFICER KEITH
BRADDOCK

HON. EARL POMEROY

OF NORTH DAKOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 15, 1996

Mr. POMEROY. Mr. Speaker, this week has been designated National Police Week. In conjunction with this, I would like to take a moment today to honor a North Dakota peace officer recently killed in the line of duty. Watford City police officer Keith Braddock died March 20 of this year after he was shot while responding to an incident at the American Legion Club.

Mr. Speaker, Keith Braddock was a family man. He was married and had three children. While his family must now try to move on from this horrible nightmare, I hope it provides them some comfort to know that every North Dakotan is grateful for his service to the people of our State. Cities and small towns all across America are more secure because of dedicated peace officers like Keith.

The tragedy that unfolded late that afternoon on Main Street has awakened the 1,800 residents of Watford City that they are not immune to the all-too-prevalent acts of violence occurring in our Nation's cities. Protecting citizens from harms way is a dangerous task—both in our urban centers and in rural America. Although peace officers in many small communities may know most of the folks in town, they can't be too cautious. For the most part, these officers are out there on their own—backup can be miles away.

This unfortunate situation has underscored the fact that senseless acts of violence can

happen anywhere. We owe a debt of gratitude to those like Keith Braddock who put their own lives at risk to make us a little safer.

FREMONT HIGH SCHOOL
STUDENTS, FREMONT, MI

HON. PETER HOEKSTRA

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 15, 1996

Mr. HOEKSTRA. Mr. Speaker, I would like to acknowledge a bright, young group of students from Fremont, MI, who met with me yesterday. A special wish for a happy birthday is extended to Mr. T.J. Meister. A list of those representing the school follows:

Fremont High School Students, Fremont, MI: David Ammirati, Brooke Bacon, Sara Breuker, Christine Cooper, Jennifer Dueling, Jennifer Eitniece, Connie Erickson, John Hughes, Heather Krale, T.J. Meister, Jessalynn Nieboer, Billie Jo Novak, Julie Rottman, Kari Schipper, Jenna Scott, April Smith, Kristine Stariha, Andrea Stroven, Mike Vanostenberg, and Amy Vanzant. Baars Bultman, teacher.

MAY IS NATIONAL PHYSICAL
FITNESS AND SPORTS MONTH

HON. JOE BARTON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 15, 1996

Mr. BARTON of Texas. Mr. Speaker, May is National Physical Fitness and Sports Month, conducted by the President's Council on Physical Fitness and Sports. Every American should take this opportunity to celebrate and begin a fitness routine. The benefits from exercise are far-reaching. Studies have revealed that there is a direct connection between exercise and lower death rates from heart attacks, stroke, hypertension, non-insulin-dependent diabetes, brittle bones, anxiety, and depression. However, in lieu of this information many Americans continue to remain inactive, with little or no physical activity in their daily lives.

Even low- to moderate-intensity activities like walking, gardening, or biking can bring benefits. I realize this so I have taken the opportunity to share my love of biking with my constituents. On my home page, you will find "Biking with Barton." This is a detailed exploration on the Internet that allows you to link with other bike pages. I have included all sorts of biking information from biking events and books, to community activities, and details on how to bike to work.

I am also happy to support organizations like the National Coalition for Promoting Physical Activity. They have a long-term mission to motivate more Americans to be physically active. The national coalition is a collaborative partnership of groups who have identified physical activity and health as their primary mission and is facilitated by the American Alliance for Health, Physical Education, Recreation and Dance; the American College of Sports Medicine; and the American Heart Association. To accomplish its goals the national coalition will use its network to provide leadership to the American public and policymakers to increase the understanding, com-

munication, and promotion of physical activity and health. They seek to develop consistent exercise messages to clarify for Americans the confusing array of information that currently exists and coordinate education efforts between the public and private sectors.

I urge all Americans to challenge themselves this May, National Physical Fitness and Sports Month, to make physical activity a regular part of your life.

TRIBUTE TO EDEN PRAIRIE HIGH
SCHOOL

HON. JIM RAMSTAD

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 15, 1996

Mr. RAMSTAD. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to praise the entire Eden Prairie High School community for being named winner of the U.S. Department of Education's prestigious Blue Ribbon Award.

The Department of Education could not have selected a more deserving high school for this highly coveted honor. When it comes to a comprehensive and successful approach to excellence in teaching, student achievement, leadership and parental involvement, Eden Prairie has, for a long time, set a lofty standard.

Mr. Speaker, this high distinction was well earned. Everyone at Eden Prairie High School played a role in achieving this extraordinary level of educational excellence.

Under the visionary leadership of a most remarkable man, Principal Arne Johnson, Eden Prairie High School has flourished. Arne is always there for each and every student. He provides at all hours of the day a willing ear, an understanding shoulder and a marvelous and diverse source of advice and encouragement.

Former superintendent Jerry McCoy and new superintendent Bill Gaslin have also been instrumental in preparing the fertile ground and providing the necessary resources to grow the special love for learning that exists at Eden Prairie. The students have blossomed under their effective management.

A school board full of caring and committed citizens has selflessly devoted the time, talent and energy necessary to make Eden Prairie High School one of the best in all of America.

This historic designation was accomplished through the pioneering and innovative contributions of a truly dedicated administrative staff and dynamic collection of committed teachers. Their deep and unwavering commitment to the students forms the foundation for a very special relationship with the young people at Eden Prairie High School. The teachers and staff have gone above and beyond all reasonable expectations to help kids, from the extra hours spent coaching and teaching extracurricular events to their efforts to bolster their professional credentials through additional postsecondary education.

Mr. Speaker, another key ingredient in the overwhelming success of Eden Prairie High School has been the precedent-setting and inspiring level of involvement by parents and members of the community. In this day and age when we in Congress hear so much blame being placed on the lack of participation by parents in their children's education. Eden

Prairie's parents and other residents stand out as a shining lighthouse of an example of the miracles that can happen when adults take the time to help out at their schools.

But, Mr. Speaker, the No. 1 reason Eden Prairie High School has been chosen as a Blue Ribbon Award winner is its spirited students. This student body is focused in a most impressive way on real achievement and a relentless pursuit of the highest standards of excellence. The students have worked hard to create a safe, supportive and drug-free environment. They have worked hard to establish a record of academic excellence across the board.

From student leadership to participation in public service projects to help people in need in the community, from the heavy emphasis on scholastic achievement to the enthusiastic way they revel in the success of their classmates, the students of Eden Prairie High School deserve to claim this national honor as their own. The students at Eden Prairie High School are the kind of young people any parent would be proud to call their own.

Mr. Speaker, please join me in congratulating the entire Eden Prairie High School Community on a job well done and for setting such a powerful example of what can be accomplished by a school if everyone pitches in and strives to do their best.

Today we salute Eden Prairie High School as a blue ribbon award winner and for proving that schools all across America can succeed if everyone puts their minds and hearts into the effort like they do at Eden Prairie High School.

LEWIS AND CLARK DISCOVERY
EXPEDITION 1996

HON. JAMES M. TALENT

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 15, 1996

Mr. TALENT. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the Lewis and Clark Discovery Expedition 1996: the reenactment of the world's most noted expedition. This 22-stop voyage will retrace the first 6 weeks of the path of the original expedition which began from St. Charles, MO, 192 years ago.

Meriwether Lewis and William Clark's pursuit of discovery in the newly acquired Louisiana Territory revealed some 168 unknown species of flora and 128 types of animals. They used courage, hard work, and perseverance in overcoming extraordinary obstacles along their frontier exploration. The Lewis and Clark Discovery Expedition 1996, will highlight the historic, scientific, and cultural consequences of this celebrated journey. It will also examine several other important themes such as the development of the United States and the American character.

The primary vehicle for this reenactment is a replica keelboat constructed by boatwright Glen Bishop. The Keelboat, which Bishop spent 10 years constructing, will contain numerous exhibits which highlight the historical, cultural, and scientific discoveries made by Lewis and Clark. It will retrace the original voyage, making stops along the path that the explorers followed during the Missouri leg of their journey.

Mr. Speaker, I would like to take this opportunity to acknowledge this fine celebration of

American history. I commend the members of the planning committee and all those involved for their hard work to help preserve the memory of this historic expedition.

TRIBUTE TO JOHN F. NOWAK

HON. MARTIN T. MEEHAN

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 15, 1996

Mr. MEEHAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to an outstanding author, John F. Nowak from the city of Lowell.

Mr. Nowak is the author of "Jasiu," an autobiography honoring his education and experiences as a child and later his adult years. I know the city of Lowell, as I was born and

raised there. It is a proud immigrant city, with a rich history. It was very prominent in the 19th century and was renowned for its robust mill industry. Today, for many families, it remains a symbol for people to work hard and achieve one's goals.

I make this point, Mr. Speaker, for I feel that just as there are many families of this region who have made historic contributions to our country, Mr. Nowak has made his own contribution. Mr. Nowak served as a member of the Armed Forces and was a Federal employee to our Government. I believe that by writing and publishing "Jasiu," Mr. Nowak has achieved a lifetime goal. A goal that few of us ever achieve.

In his book, Mr. Nowak tells a number of interesting stories about his experiences as a young Polish-American boy growing up in the 1930's, his adult years in the Air Force while

stationed in North Africa and his volunteer efforts working to preserve the environment. His light-hearted philosophy makes "Jasiu" a work that is spirited and entertaining, despite the trials and tribulations he encounters.

Mr. Nowak graduated from Lowell High School and after returning to civilian life, he earned an associates degree in business administration from Merrimack College. He then went on to receive two subsequent bachelor degrees—one in liberal arts from Merrimack College and the other in sociology from River College.

I commend Mr. Nowak's drive and ambition, as well as his love of learning. His sense of human understanding gives his book a genuine quality and paints a portrait of a man who has lived and accomplished much. I extend my congratulations to John Nowak on the publication of his book.

SENATE COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Title IV of Senate Resolution 4, agreed to by the Senate on February 4, 1977, calls for establishment of a system for a computerized schedule of all meetings and hearings of Senate committees, subcommittees, joint committees, and committees of conference. This title requires all such committees to notify the Office of the Senate Daily Digest—designated by the Rules Committee—of the time, place, and purpose of the meetings, when scheduled, and any cancellations or changes in the meetings as they occur.

As an additional procedure along with the computerization of this information, the Office of the Senate Daily Digest will prepare this information for printing in the Extensions of Remarks section of the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD on Monday and Wednesday of each week.

Meetings scheduled for Thursday, May 16, 1996, may be found in the Daily Digest of today's RECORD.

MEETINGS SCHEDULED

MAY 17

9:30 a.m.

Appropriations

VA, HUD, and Independent Agencies Subcommittee

To hold hearings on proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 1997 for the Corporation for National and Community Service.

SD-192

Special Committee To Investigate Whitewater Development Corporation and Related Matters

To continue hearings to examine certain issues relative to the Whitewater Development Corporation.

SH-216

10:00 a.m.

Foreign Relations

To hold hearings on the nominations of Avis T. Bohlen, of the District of Columbia, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Bulgaria, and Marisa R. Lino, of Oregon, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Albania.

SD-419

MAY 20

10:00 a.m.

Finance

Social Security and Family Policy Subcommittee

To hold hearings on proposals to create personal savings accounts under Social Security.

SD-215

MAY 21

10:00 a.m.

Appropriations

Foreign Operations Subcommittee

To hold hearings on proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 1997 for foreign assistance programs, focusing on international financial institutions.

SD-138

Judiciary

To hold hearings to examine the American Bar Association and its role in the selection of Federal judges.

SD-226

2:00 p.m.

Judiciary

Administrative Oversight and the Courts Subcommittee

To hold hearings on S. 582, to provide that certain voluntary disclosures of violations of Federal laws made pursuant to an environmental audit shall not be subject to discovery or admitted into evidence during a Federal judicial or administrative proceeding.

SD-226

MAY 22

9:30 a.m.

Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry

To hold hearings on S. 1166, to improve the registration of pesticides, to provide minor use crop protection, and to improve pesticide tolerances to safeguard infants and children.

SR-328A

Commerce, Science, and Transportation

To hold open and closed hearings on broadcast spectrum issues (closed in S-407, Capitol).

SR-253

Rules and Administration

To resume hearings on issues with regard to the Government Printing Office, focusing on public access to Government information in the 21st century and GPO's depository library program.

SR-301

Small Business

Business meeting, to mark up proposed legislation to strengthen, expand, and improve the Small Business Investment Company program, and to consider the nomination of Ginger Ehn Lew, of California, to be Deputy Administrator of the Small Business Administration.

SR-428A

10:00 a.m.

Appropriations

Defense Subcommittee

To hold hearings on proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 1997 for the Department of Defense, focusing on the United States Pacific Command.

SD-192

Appropriations

Foreign Operations Subcommittee

To hold hearings on proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 1997 for foreign assistance programs, focusing on peacekeeping and international organizations and programs.

SD-G50

2:30 p.m.

Commerce, Science, and Transportation

To hold hearings on S. 1645, to regulate United States scientific and tourist activities in Antarctica and to conserve Antarctic resources, and related programs.

SR-253

MAY 23

10:00 a.m.

Appropriations

Foreign Operations Subcommittee

To hold hearings on proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 1997 for foreign assistance programs.

SD-106

Appropriations

Legislative Branch Subcommittee

To hold hearings on proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 1997 for the Congressional Budget Office and the Capitol Police.

S-128, Capitol

Judiciary

Business meeting, to consider pending calendar business.

SD-226

Veterans' Affairs

To hold hearings on miscellaneous veterans bills, including S. 281, S. 749, S. 1131, S. 1342, S. 1711, S. 993, S. 994, S. 995, S. 996, S. 1748, S. 1749, S. 1750, S. 1751, S. 1752, and S. 1753.

SR-418

MAY 24

9:30 a.m.

Appropriations

VA, HUD, and Independent Agencies Subcommittee

To hold hearings on proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 1997 for the Environmental Protection Agency.

SD-192

JUNE 5

9:30 a.m.

Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry

To hold hearings to examine proposals to reform the Commodity Exchange Act.

SR-328A

10:00 a.m.

Judiciary

To hold hearings on S. 1237, to revise certain provisions of law relating to child pornography.

SD-226

JUNE 13

2:00 p.m.

Appropriations

Treasury, Postal Service, and General Government Subcommittee

To hold hearings on proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 1997 for the White House Office of National Drug Control Policy.

SD-192

JUNE 18

9:30 a.m.

Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry

Research, Nutrition, and General Legislation Subcommittee

To hold hearings to review a report to the Department of Agriculture by the Advisory Committee on Agricultural Concentration, and to examine other livestock industry issues.

SR-328A

SEPTEMBER 17

9:30 a.m.

Veterans' Affairs

To hold joint hearings with the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs to review the legislative recommendations of the American Legion.

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